

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH CONDITIONS OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report of the United Nations Population Fund has indicated that the health of women in India is in most pitiable condition;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to prepare any action plan for women health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): No Sir. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has not released any specific report on the health condition of women in India. However, Government of India has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under which flexibility is provided to the States to devise need based Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) with special focus on vulnerable groups including women and children. In order to reduce the maternal mortality and morbidity, the following key strategies and interventions, inter-alia, are being implemented :

Janani Suraksha Yojana; appointment of an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) for mobilizing women for services; setting up of Rogi Kalyan Samitis at District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs; operationalisation of Community Health Centres as First Referral Units (FRUs), 24X7 Primary Health Centres; augmenting availability of skilled and trained manpower; supplementary nutrition to pregnant and lactating women under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).